

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

INVENTORS:	Ladden et al.	GROUP ART UNIT:	2619
APPLN. NO.:	10/670,063	EXAMINER:	Zhu, Bo Hui Alvin
FILED:	September 23, 2003	Confirmation No.:	5118
TITLE:	Distributed Automatically-Configuring Switching System		

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 29, 2007 concerning the above-identified application and is timely filed within the three month shortened statutory period for a response. This reply is provided in response to the Office Action in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.111, 37 CFR § 1.115, or 37 CFR § 1.116. Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks, and respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections made in the Office Action and to allow the claims to issue.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.